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Hunger Coalition of Manitowoc County Held First Annual Thanksgiving Community Meal

Manitowoc, Wisconsin (December 8, 2021) The Hunger Coalition of Manitowoc County held their first annual Thanksgiving Community Meal on Thursday, November 25, 2021 from 11:30am – 1:30pm in partnership with Roncalli High School.

The menu included roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, homemade turkey gravy, green bean casserole, creamed peas, buns with butter, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, mini cookies, milk, Whispering Orchard's fresh pressed apple cider, and water.

Nearly 250 free meals were served via dine-in or to-go. With the help of roughly 50 volunteers, all the fixings were cooked, plated, and served. Additionally, food was generously sponsored by Fox's Piggly Wiggly, Meijer, Festival Foods, and Skana Aluminum Company. Roncalli High School also graciously opened their doors to help host this event, setting up the school's atrium with holiday decorations and allowing volunteers to use the kitchen and café to organize to-go meals.

"This was the Coalition's first time hosting a community meal together," said Ashley Bender, Executive Director of United Way. "It was a very successful day and the Coalition plans to do it again next year." Following the event, United Way heard from a guest that this meal was the first full meal they had eaten in a long time.

The Hunger Coalition is a coalition under United Way Manitowoc County's Basic Needs initiative and is joined by Salvation Army of Manitowoc County, Grow It Forward, UW-Madison Extension FoodWise, Manitowoc Public School District and First Presbyterian Church. Others passionate about ending food insecurity are welcome to join the Coalition anytime.

To learn more about the Hunger Coalition, please contact United Way Manitowoc County at (920) 682-8888 or ashley@unitedwaymanitowoccounty.org.

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